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Decisions

2012/201 C
Elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments to subsidiary and related bodies of the Economic and Social Council

At its 52nd plenary meeting, on 26 November 2012, the Economic and Social Council took the following action with regard to vacancies in its subsidiary and related bodies:

Elections postponed from previous sessions

Commission on Population and Development

The Council elected **Oman** to fill an outstanding vacancy on the Commission on Population and Development for a term beginning at the first meeting of the forty-seventh session of the Commission, in 2013 and expiring at the close of its fiftieth session, in 2017.

The Council further postponed the election of one member from Asia-Pacific States and one member from Latin American and Caribbean States for terms beginning on the date of election and expiring at the close of the forty-ninth session of the Commission, in 2016; and one member from African States, two members from Asia-Pacific States and one member from Eastern European States for terms

beginning at the first meeting of the forty-seventh session, and expiring at the close of the fiftieth session.

Commission for Social Development

The Council elected **El Salvador** to fill an outstanding vacancy on the Commission for Social Development for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring at the close of the fifty-fourth session of the Commission, in 2016.

The Council further postponed the election of one member from Eastern European States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring at the close of the fifty-first session of the Commission, in 2013; two members from Western European and other States for terms beginning on the date of election, with one term expiring at the close of the fifty-third session, in 2015, and one term expiring at the close of the fifty-fourth session; and one member from Asia-Pacific States, one member from Eastern European States and three members from Western European and other States for terms beginning at the first meeting of the fifty-second session of the Commission, in 2013 and expiring at the close of the fifty-fifth session, in 2017.

Committee for the United Nations Population Award

The Council elected **Bangladesh** and **Denmark** to fill outstanding vacancies on the Committee for the United Nations Population Award for terms beginning on 1 January 2013 and expiring on 31 December 2015.

The Council further postponed the election of three members from African States and two members from Asia-Pacific States for terms beginning on 1 January 2013 and expiring on 31 December 2015.

Programme Coordinating Board of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS)

The Council elected **Australia** to the Programme Coordinating Board of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) for a two-year term beginning on 1 January 2013 and expiring on 31 December 2014 to replace **Canada**, which was resigning from its seat on the Programme Coordinating Board effective 1 January 2013.

Nominations

Committee for Programme and Coordination

The Council nominated **El Salvador** for election by the General Assembly to the Committee for Programme and Coordination to fill an outstanding vacancy on the Committee for a term beginning on 1 January 2013 and expiring on 31 December 2015.

The Council further postponed the nomination of five members from Western European and other States for election by the General Assembly: four members for terms beginning on the date of election by the General Assembly and expiring on 31 December 2014, and one member for a term beginning on 1 January 2013 and expiring on 31 December 2015.

2012/201 D
Elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments to subsidiary and related bodies of the Economic and Social Council

At its 53rd plenary meeting, on 20 December 2012, the Economic and Social Council took the following action with regard to vacancies in its subsidiary and related bodies:

Elections

Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission

The Council elected the following States to the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission in accordance with its resolution 2012/37 of 20 December 2012, for a two-year term beginning on 1 January 2013 and expiring on 31 December 2014, or until the expiration of their membership in the Council, whichever was earlier: **Bulgaria**, **Denmark**, **Indonesia**, **Nepal** and **Tunisia**.

The Council postponed the election of one member from African States and one member from Latin American and Caribbean States for a two-year term beginning on 1 January 2013 and expiring on 31 December 2014.

Elections postponed from previous sessions

Commission for Social Development

The Council elected **Austria** to fill an outstanding vacancy on the Commission for Social Development for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring at the close of the fifty-third session of the Commission, in 2015.

The Council further postponed the election of one member from Eastern European States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring at the close of the fifty-first session of the Commission, in 2013; one member from Western European and other States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring at the close of the fifty-fourth session, in 2016; and one member from Asia-Pacific States, one member from Eastern European States and three members from Western European and other States for terms beginning at the first meeting of the fifty-second session, in 2013, and expiring at the close of the fifty-fifth session, in 2017.

Commission on Science and Technology for Development

The Council elected **Germany** to fill an outstanding vacancy on the Commission on Science and Technology for Development for a term beginning on 1 January 2013 and expiring on 31 December 2016.

The Council further postponed the election of one member from Asia-Pacific States and one member from Eastern European States for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 2013 and expiring on 31 December 2016.

Executive Board of the World Food Programme

The Council elected **India** to fill an outstanding vacancy on the Executive Board of the World Food Programme from List B for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2013 and expiring on 31 December 2015.

Committee for the United Nations Population Award

The Council elected **Côte d'Ivoire** to fill an outstanding vacancy on the Committee for the United Nations Population Award for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2013 and expiring on 31 December 2015.

The Council further postponed the election of two members from African States and two members from Asia-Pacific States for terms beginning on 1 January 2013 and expiring on 31 December 2015.

Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)

The Council elected **Colombia**, **El Salvador** and **Spain** to fill outstanding vacancies on the Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 2013 and expiring on 31 December 2016.

The Council further postponed the election of two members from Western European and other States for terms beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2012; two members from Eastern European States and one member from Western European and other States for terms beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2015; and two members from Eastern European States and four members from Western European and other States for terms beginning on 1 January 2013 and expiring on 31 December 2016.

2012/256
Documentation considered by the Economic and Social Council in connection with its operational activities segment

At its 52nd plenary meeting, on 26 November 2012, the Economic and Social Council took note of the following documents:

(a) Report of the High-level Committee on South-South Cooperation at its seventeenth session;[1]

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system;[2]

(c) Report of the Secretary-General on the analysis of funding of operational activities for development of the United Nations system for 2010.[3]

[1] A/67/39.
[2] E/2012/79.
[3] E/2012/80.

2012/257
Additional documentation considered by the Economic and Social Council in connection with the item on regional cooperation

At its 52nd plenary meeting, on 26 November 2012, the Economic and Social Council took note of the report of the Secretary-General on regional cooperation in the economic, social and related fields submitted by the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean at its thirty-fourth session.[4]

2012/258
Documentation considered by the Economic and Social Council in connection with the item on science and technology for development

At its 52nd plenary meeting, on 26 November 2012, the Economic and Social Council took note of the addendum to the report of the Secretary-General on the progress made in the implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society at the regional and international levels.[5]

2012/259
Report of the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management on its second session and provisional agenda and dates for the third session of the Committee

At its 52nd plenary meeting, on 26 November 2012, the Economic and Social Council:

(a) Took note of the report of the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management on its second session;[6]

(b) Decided that the third session of the Committee of Experts shall be held in Cambridge, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, from 24 to 26 July 2013;

(c) Approved the provisional agenda and documentation for the third session of the Committee of Experts as set out below:

Provisional agenda for the third session of the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. Trends in national institutional arrangements in geospatial information management.

[4] E/2012/15/Add.3.
[5] E/2012/49/Add.1.
[6] E/2012/46.

Discussion

Ministers will be invited to speak.

4. Critical issues related to crowd-sourcing and volunteered information.

Discussion

5. Critical issues relating to the integration of land and marine geospatial information.

Discussion

Joint paper with relevant international organizations.

6. Global geodetic reference frame.

Discussion

Joint paper with the Permanent Committee on GIS Infrastructure for Asia and the Pacific and the International Association of Geodesy.

7. Developing a global map for sustainable development.

Documentation

Report of the Steering Committee.

8. Future trends in geospatial information management — for information.

9. Developing a shared statement of principles on the management of geospatial information.

Discussion

10. Activities related to the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development — for information.

11. Developing a knowledge base for geospatial information — for information.

12. Status of mapping of the world — for information.

13. Report by regional entities and thematic groups — for information.

14. Provisional agenda and dates for the fourth session of the Committee.

15. Report of the Committee on its third session.

2012/260
Report of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names on its twenty-seventh session and provisional agenda and dates for its twenty-eighth session

At its 52nd plenary meeting, on 26 November 2012, the Economic and Social Council:

(a) Took note of the report of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names on its twenty-seventh session;[7]

(b) Decided that the twenty-eighth session of the Group of Experts shall be held in the first half of 2014, preferably in Bangkok, and approved the provisional agenda for the session as set out below:

Provisional agenda for the twenty-eighth session of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names

1. Adoption of the agenda and of the provisional programme of work.
2. Report of the Chair.
3. Report of the secretariat of the Group of Experts.
4. Reports of the divisions.
5. Report of the liaison officers and international organizations.
6. Activities relating to the Task Team for Africa.
7. Implementation of resolutions and activities relating to the Working Group on Evaluation and Implementation.
8. Activities relating to the Working Group on Training Courses in Toponymy.
9. Activities relating to the Working Group on Toponymic Data Files and Gazetteers.
10. Activities relating to the Working Group on Toponymic Terminology.
11. Activities relating to the Working Group on Romanization Systems.
12. Activities relating to the Working Group on Country Names.
13. Activities relating to the Working Group on Publicity and Funding.
14. Activities relating to the Working Group on Exonyms.
15. Activities relating to the Working Group on Pronunciation.
16. Activities relating to the Working Group on Geographical Names as Cultural Heritage.
17. Toponymic guidelines for map and other editors for international use.

[7] E/2012/90.

18. Other toponymic issues.

19. Preparation for the Eleventh United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names.

20. Provisional agenda for the twenty-ninth session of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names.

21. Adoption of the report.

2012/261
Dates and venue for the tenth session of the United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for the Americas

At its 52nd plenary meeting, on 26 November 2012, the Economic and Social Council, recalling its decision 2010/241 of 21 July 2010, in which it took note of, inter alia, the report of the Ninth United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for the Americas,[8] decided to hold the Tenth session of the United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for the Americas in New York from 19 to 23 August 2013.

2012/262
Report of the Tenth United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names

At its 53rd plenary meeting, on 20 December 2012, the Economic and Social Council took note of the report of the Tenth United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names.[9]

2012/263
Theme for the 2013 thematic discussion of the Economic and Social Council

At its 54th plenary meeting, on 28 January 2013, the Economic and Social Council decided that the theme for the thematic discussion of the high-level segment of its substantive session of 2013 would be "The contribution of the Economic and Social Council to the elaboration of the post-2015 development agenda as a principal body for policy review, policy dialogue and recommendations on issues of economic and social development and for the follow-up to the Millennium Development Goals".

[8] E/CONF.99/3.

[9] E/CONF.101/144.